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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**Strange byproduct of fracking boom: Radioactive socks.** Used oilfield filter socks contaminated with naturally occurring radioactive materials have been found improperly disposed of at various locations in North Dakota. Source:

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/jeffmcmahon/2013/07/24/strange-byproduct-of-fracking-boom-radioactive-socks/>

## **REGIONAL**

**(Montana) Dam on Flathead Reservation being raised 2 feet to meet floodplain requirements.**

A 94-year old earthen dam on the Flathead Reservation will receive support from members of the Montana Air National Guard and other units to raise the dam surface two feet to meet requirements in preparation for a flood that occurs once every 1,000 years. Source:

[http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/dam-on-flathead-reservation-being-raised-feet-to-meet-floodplain/article\\_ad3d7578-f34a-11e2-b6a9-0019bb2963f4.html](http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/dam-on-flathead-reservation-being-raised-feet-to-meet-floodplain/article_ad3d7578-f34a-11e2-b6a9-0019bb2963f4.html)

**(Montana) West Mullan fire at 5,880 acres.** Crews continued to battle the West Mullan Fire burning near Superior, Montana, after the fire burned through 5,880 acres, forcing the closure of several roads and prompting evacuation orders. Source: <http://www.kpax.com/news/west-mullan-fire-at-5-880-acres/>

## **NATIONAL**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**Crippled Japanese nuclear plant likely leaking radioactive water into sea.** The operators of Japan's crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant confirmed that contaminated water from the damaged reactors is likely escaping into the sea after seeping through the underground water system. Source:

<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/07/22/19622035-crippled-japanese-nuclear-plant-likely-leaking-radioactive-water-into-sea?lite>

## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**5 charged in 'largest hacking and data breach scheme' bust in US.** U.S. authorities charged four Russian nationals and one Ukrainian national for allegedly running a massive data theft scheme that stole at least 160 million credit and debit card numbers and sold them, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in losses. The members allegedly hacked into the computer systems of major companies and payment processors to obtain the financial information.

Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/business/5-charged-largest-hacking-data-breach-scheme-bust-us-6C10744872>

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**'Next big' banking trojan spotted in cybercrime underground.** Researchers at RSA found the first new banking trojan since Citadel for sale on underweb forums, named KINS. The KINS toolkit is available for sale at \$5,000 in standard form, contains several advanced features and add-ons, and shares some similarities to past trojans. Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/vulnerability/next-big-banking-trojan-spotted-in-cyber/240158792>

**Citi exposes details of 150,000 individuals who went into bankruptcy.** The personal information, including Social Security numbers, of 150,000 Citi customers who filed for bankruptcy between 2007 and 2011 was exposed after Citi failed to properly redact records before they were posted to the Public Access to Court Records (PACER) System. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Citi-Exposes-Details-of-150-000-Individuals-Who-Went-into-Bankruptcy-369979.shtml>

### **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

**Drilling rig on fire, begins to collapse; relief well to be drilled.** Parts of the Hercules 265 rig in the Gulf of Mexico that stick out over the Walter Oil & Gas platform and wellhead melted and started to collapse July 24 as the rig continued to burn from a July 23 fire when natural gas blew out of the well. A jack-up rig will start drilling a relief well at the site. Source:

<http://www.wtlv.com/news/local/Drilling-rig-on-fire-in-gulf-begins-to-collapse-216770531.html>

**No sheen seen in water around burning Gulf gas rig.** Forty-four workers were evacuated from a portable drilling rig owned by Hercules Offshore Inc. after the natural gas well caught on fire July 23 following a blowout in the Gulf of Mexico. The blowout caused restrictions on maritime traffic and aircraft flying around the site. Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/fire-breaks-out-on-gulf-rig-after-natural-gas-blowout>

**DOE study finds fracking chemicals didn't taint water.** The U.S. Department of Energy issued preliminary findings of a study that determined there was no evidence showing that chemicals from the natural gas drilling process moved up to contaminate drinking water aquifers at a western Pennsylvania drilling site. The study is ongoing however, and researchers found that chemical-laced fluids used to free gas trapped deep below the surface stayed thousands of feet below the shallower areas that supplied drinking water. Source:

<http://www.pjstar.com/free/x1592805052/DOE-study-finds-fracking-chemicals-didnt-taint-water>

### **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**Agents: Men used skimmers on Oklahoma gas pumps to steal thousands.** Federal authorities arrested and indicted two men for allegedly placing skimming devices on gas pumps in Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas, stealing close to \$400,000 from about 300 individuals. The

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men then allegedly flew to Washington, created fake cards, and returned to Oklahoma to make fraudulent withdrawals. Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/22916118/federal-agents>

### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**Home Depot recalls Soleil portable fan heaters due to fire hazard.** Home Depot announced a recall of about 107,000 Soleil portable fan heaters due to the potential for the heaters' housing to melt and catch fire. Source: <https://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Home-Depot-Recalls-Soleil-Portable-Fan-Heaters/>

**Viking Range expands recall of built-in refrigerators with bottom freezers due to injury hazard; doors can detach.** Viking Range announced the recall of about 31,000 Viking refrigerators due to the potential for the refrigerators' doors to detach. Source: <https://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Viking-Range-Expands-Recall-of-Built-In-Refrigerators-with-Bottom-Freezers/>

### **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

**US Army sergeant admits to stealing information from Army computers.** A sergeant in the U.S. Army pleaded guilty to accessing the Army Knowledge Online accounts of two individuals without authorization. She initially gained access by tricking the help desk into giving her temporary passwords and used the information she obtained to harass the targeted individuals. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/US-Army-Sergeant-Admits-Stealing-Information-from-Army-Computers-370209.shtml>

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**US Marshals lose track of 2,000 encrypted radios.** The U.S. Marshals Service announced they will conduct a complete inventory review of their two-way radios after a July 21 report determined they lost track of roughly 2,000 encrypted two-way radios worth millions of dollars. The service is in the process of acquiring a new property management system and do not believe public safety was ever jeopardized as a result of the loss. Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/us-marshals-lose-track-of-2000-encrypted-radios>

### **ENERGY**

Refer to **International and North Dakota sections** for related information

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## **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**151 ill in U.S. with hepatitis A linked to Pomegranate Seeds.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that at least 151 people are now known to have been sickened by hepatitis A linked to frozen pomegranate seeds since March. Illness onset dates ranged from March 31 through July 9. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/07/151-ill-with-hepatitis-a-since-march-in-u-s/>

**Dollar store salsa recalled after glass pieces found in jars.** Olam Tomato Processors Inc. announced the recall of its Mild Chunky Salsa sold at Dollar Tree and Deals, Dollar Express, and Dollar Bills stores because glass pieces were found in some product jars. A company representative stated that the glass pieces got into the salsa during the beginning of the manufacturing process, when some of the glass jars were damaged. Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/07/24/dollar-store-salsas-recalled-after-glass-pieces-found-in-jars/>

**Cyclospora has sickened 235 in Midwest since June, health officials say.** The parasite cyclospora has caused at least 235 illnesses in six Midwestern States since mid-June, according to health officials. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/07/cyclospora-has-sickened-234-in-midwest-since-june-health-officials-say/>

## **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Pharmacy spammers use Google Translate to evade spam filters.** Researchers at Symantec discovered a spam campaign that uses Google Translate links to redirect users to rogue pharmacy Web sites. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Pharmacy-Spammers-Use-Google-Translate-to-Evade-Spam-Filters-370429.shtml>

**Cybercriminals increasingly use .lc domains in their attacks, experts say.** Researchers at Kaspersky found that Santa Lucia .lc domains are increasingly being used in malicious campaigns. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Increasingly-Use-LC-Domains-in-their-Attacks-Experts-Say-369692.shtml>

**SIM cards vulnerable to hacking, says researcher.** A researcher due to present his findings at the annual Black Hat conference reported that millions of mobile phones may be vulnerable to being tricked into granting access to information due to old encryption methods in SIM cards. Source: [https://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9240927/SIM\\_cards\\_vulnerable\\_to\\_hacking\\_says\\_researcher](https://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9240927/SIM_cards_vulnerable_to_hacking_says_researcher)

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**Spam botnet StealRat uses 2 hijacked sites, 1 computer to evade detection.** Trend Micro researchers identified a spam botnet dubbed StealRat which uses two compromised Web sites and one computer infected with malware to disguise spam emails and make them appear as if they were sent by the infected computer rather than a spam server. Source:

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Spam-Botnet-StealRat-Uses-2-Hijacked-Sites-1-Computer-to-Evade-Detection-370004.shtml>

### **NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS**

**(California) Plague-infected squirrel found near campgrounds in Angeles National Forest.**

California park authorities closed several campgrounds in the Angeles National Forest July 24 after a squirrel tested positive with plague bacteria, which can easily spread to humans through bites from infected fleas. Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Plague-Infected-Squirrel-Found-Near-Campgrounds-in-Angeles-National-Forest-216842911.html>

### **POSTAL AND SHIPPING**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**FDA cracks down on illegal diabetes remedies.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sent warning letters to 15 companies, both in the U.S. and abroad, ordering them to stop selling illegal diabetes treatments. The companies market bogus dietary supplements and prescription drugs sold online without a prescription as alternatives to FDA-approved prescription drugs.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/fda-cracks-down-illegal-diabetes-140142593.html>

**States review rules after patients identified via health records.** Several States have begun privacy audits and reviews of their health data collection policies to ensure patients cannot be identified in publicly available databases of hospital records after a report uncovered some patients at Washington hospitals could be easily identified when a database sold by the State was combined with news articles and other public information. Washington suspended distribution of the information and developed a confidentiality agreement that all buyers must now sign as a result. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-07-22/states-review-rules-after-patients-identified-via-health-records>

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **WATER AND DAMS**

Nothing Significant to Report

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## **HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 State Radio: 800-472-2121; Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI): 701-328-5500; North Dakota Highway Patrol: 701-328-2455; US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst: 701-297-7400; Bismarck FBI: 701-223-4875; Fargo FBI: 701-232-7241.**

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